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SUBJ: DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT: LUXEMBOURG
PREPARATIONS

1. MFA POLITICAL DIRECTOR REPORTS THAT GOL PREPARATIONS FOR
DIRECT ELECTIONS ARE ON SCHEDULE. A MIXED COMMITTEE OF GOVERN-
MENT OFFICIALS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS HAS BEEN MEETING TO DRAFT
LEGISLATION. MAIN BONE OF CONTENTION, WHICH WILL HAVE TO BE
RESOLVED AT THE POLITICAL LEVEL, IS WHETHER LUXEMBOURG'S SIX
MEMBERS WILL BE ELECTED AT LARGE, IN EXISTING OR IN NEWLY FORMED
ELECTORAL DISTRICTS. THIS IS NOT A SERIOUS HANG-UP, BUT
LUXEMBOURG, LIKE ITS LARGER PARTNERS, IS SUBJECT TO REGIONAL
PRESSURES. IN ANY CASE, ELECTION WILL BE BY PROPORTIONAL
REPRESENTATION, WHICH WILL VERY LIKELY PERMIT REPRESENTATION
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OF EACH OF LUXEMBOURG'S FOUR MAJOR PARTIES (INCLUDING THE
COMMUNISTS).

2. ANOTHER QUESTION BEING DISCUSSED IN THE MIXED COMMITTEE
IS WHETHER THE DRAFT LAW WILL REQUIRE A SIMPLE MAJORITY OR
THE TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY NECESSARY TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION.
NO MATTER WHAT THE DECISION ON THIS ISSUE, THE LAW IS LIKELY

TO WIN APPROVAL BY AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES AS ONLY THE COMMUNISTS, WHO HOLD FIVE OF THE FIFTY-NINE SEATS, ARE OPPOSED.

3. THE MIXED COMMITTEE PLANS TO HAVE DRAFT LEGISLATION READY BY MID-1977 AND OUR SOURCE FORESEES EASY PASSAGE OF THE LAW WELL BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. PHILLIPS

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